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SUBJECT: (U) KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER ATTENDS UNSC DEBATE ON ISRAELI RAID

1. (U) KUWAIT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH SABAH AL AHMAD AL SABAH LEFT BAGHDAD JUNE 12 FOR THE USSC DEBATE ON THE ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITIES. SHAIKH SABAH, IN BAGHDAD FOR AN ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' EMERGENCY MEETING ON THE SAME SUBJECT, IS ATTENDING THE UNSC DEBATE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CURRECNT ARAB LEAGUE PRESIDENT.

2. (LOU) ACCOMPANYING SHAIKH SABAH FROM BAGHDAD TO NEW YORK WAS HOS OFFICE DIRECTOR SULAIMAN MAJD AL-SHAHEEN. KUWAITI FONMIN WAS ALSO TO BE JOINED IN NEW YORK BY MFA POLITICAL DEPT. COUNSELLOR KHALID BABTAIN WHO DEPARTED KUWAIT JUNE 11. BABTAIN, WHOSE PRESENT POSITION IS HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPT'S INTERNATIONAL SECTION (I.E., EVERYTHING EXCEPT ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE UN), HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN KUWAIT'S UN MISSION IN NEW YORK. BOTH SHAHEEN AND BABTAIN SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH AND COULD SERVE AS USEFUL CONTACTS.

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